Board of Trustees Agenda Item

Board Meeting Date: January 5, 2010

Title of Item: 1st Reading of Revisions to BP 6120 Graduation Requirements

Background and Analysis:

In the continuing review of Board Policies, the Chancellor's Advisory Committee is recommending changes to BP 6120 per the attached. These changes were primarily constructed by the Academic Senates at Foothill and De Anza, and reviewed by legal counsel and the Chancellor's Advisory Committee. The existing policy is attached showing strikethroughs of existing language with the proposed changes (underlined).

This is the 1st reading of the proposed changes to this policy. Staff will be in attendance to answer any questions the Board may have regarding these proposed changes.

Recommendation: Information only (1st Reading)

Graduation Requirements for Degrees and Certificates

State requirements must be completed by all students obtaining an A.A. or A.S. degree. In addition to these minimum requirements, De Anza and Foothill students may qualify for an A.A. or A.S. degree by one of the two following patterns:

- A. Complete approved general education requirements in the areas of fine arts, science, social science, language arts, physical education, orientation, mathematics and multicultural studies and an approved curriculum in a career program. Courses designated to meet these degree requirement will have prior Board approval.
- B. Complete the general education and other requirements to obtain junior year standing in the college or university to which the student plans to transfer.

Students may be awarded a certificate upon successful completion of courses of study or curriculum for which the college offers a certificate. Courses designated to meet these certificate requirements will have prior Board approval.

Each college shall establish procedures to determine degree and certificate requirements and to assure that graduation requirements are published in the college catalogs and included in other resources that are convenient for students.

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